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# H. RES. 193

Reaffirming support of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and anticipating the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act) on November 4, 2003.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. DREIER, Mr. EMANUEL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HOLT, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NUNES, Mr. OLVER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. ROTHMAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. STARK, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. UPTON, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VISCLOSKY, Ms. WATSON, and Mr. WEINER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Reaffirming support of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and anticipating the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the

Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act) on November 4, 2003.

Whereas in 1948, in the shadow of the Holocaust, the international community responded to Nazi Germany's methodically orchestrated acts of genocide by approving the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

Whereas the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide confirms that genocide is a crime under international law, defines genocide as certain acts committed with intent to destroy a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, and provides that parties to the Convention undertake to enact domestic legislation to provide effective penalties for persons who are guilty of genocide;

Whereas the United States, under President Harry Truman, stood as the first nation to sign the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;

Whereas the United States Senate ratified the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide on February 19, 1986;

Whereas the Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act) (Public Law 100–606), signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on November 4, 1988, amended title 18, United States Code, to criminalize genocide under United States law (18 U.S.C. 1091);

Whereas the enactment of the Genocide Convention Implementation Act marked a principled stand by the United States against the crime of genocide and an important step toward ensuring that the lessons of the Holocaust,

the Armenian Genocide, and the genocides in Cambodia and Rwanda, among others, will be used to help prevent future genocides;

Whereas despite the international community's consensus against genocide, as demonstrated by the fact that 133 nations are party to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and through other instruments and actions, denial of past instances of genocide continues and many thousands of innocent people continue to be victims of genocide; and

Whereas November 4, 2003, is the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act): Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) anticipates the 15th anniversary of the en-  
3       actment of the Genocide Convention Implementation  
4       Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act); and

5               (2) encourages the people and Government of  
6       the United States to rededicate themselves to the  
7       cause of bringing an end to the crime of genocide.

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